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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In September 2011 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Zachary R. Murphy** (NA60154441) for failing to respond to charges that he documented giving medications to a patient and took blood pressure readings when he didn't. He may not reapply for a credential for two years.

King County

In September 2011 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission suspended the license of physician **Marco A. Sobrino, MD** (MD00039788) for 30 days followed by a three-year probation. He was fined \$5,000 and will be subject to unannounced semi-annual visits by a representative of the commission. He is a cosmetic surgeon with Sono Bello who treated a patient who died of complications from anesthesia following a liposuction procedure in May 2009. By September 2012, he must successfully complete and document continuing medical education in patient care, including local anesthetic toxicity, complications of office-based surgery, anesthesia, and liposuction, and documentation of patient encounters. Within three months, he must write a protocol for Sono Bello to ensure that patients have a ride and a caregiver for 24 hours after a procedure.

In September 2011 the Marriage and Family Therapist Program suspended the credential of **Marvin Gawryn** (LF00001356), a licensed marriage and family therapist, for five years. He had a sexual relationship with a client he was treating for relationship issues.

In September 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Tia M. Cusick** (LP00053490) for failing to comply with an agreed order to seek a substance abuse evaluation and comply with recommendations.

In September 2011 the Board of Pharmacy revoked the credential of pharmacy technician **Sara M. Gagliardo** (VA00067549) for 10 years. She was convicted of assault and failed to cooperate with the Board of Pharmacy investigation..

Kitsap County

In September 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Angelica K. Smith** (LP00055872) She diverted oxycodone and fentanyl from the rehabilitation center where she worked.

In September 2011 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of nursing assistant **Kasey E. Hardin** (NC60150798 and NA60104597) for diverting controlled substances OxyContin and hydrocodone from adult family homes where she was employed. **Mason County**

In September 2011 the Board of Pharmacy suspended the credential of pharmacy technician **Lillian H. Bernal** (VA00067708) due to a guilty plea in Mason County Superior Court of obtaining a legend drug by fraud. She admitted to having a friend call in a fraudulent prescription for her.

Pierce County

In September 2011 the Secretary of Health revoked the credential of registered nursing assistant **James Njoroge Kamau** (NA60121463) for submitting an application for a nursing assistant credential using a Social Security number that did not belong to him.

In September 2011 the Secretary of Health denied the application of **Adelaida P. Sochor** (NA00119020) to reactivate a credential to practice as a registered nursing assistant for failing to respond to inquiries about allegations that she took items that belonged to patients in her care. She may not reapply for five years.

Skagit County

In September 2011 the Secretary of Health permanently revoked the credential of certified nursing assistant **Joseph A. Kortus** (NC10084027) due to felony convictions for child molestation and incest.

Snohomish County

In September 2011 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **William Browning** (NC10101260) for five years due to criminal convictions for theft.

In September 2011 the Secretary of Health issued an agreed cease-and-desist order to **Dorothy M. Schnepf**. Schnepf agrees to stop practicing as a respiratory care practitioner and/or physician. She was fined \$5,000.

In September 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended the credential of registered nurse **Robin Marie Anderson** (RN00077496) for failing to comply with an agreed order to take a refresher course within 10 months of a September 2010 order.

Spokane County

In September 2011 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Judy M. Brown** (NA60017734) for three years due to felony convictions for third-degree assault and possession of methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

Thurston County

In September 2011 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Lia Y. Tricomo** (NA60116894) for three years because of convictions for driving under the influence and felony assault.

In September 2011 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Veronica M. Melick** (NA00185436) for two years for purchasing and financing a vehicle from a patient.

Out of State

Arizona: In September 2011 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Kenneth Michael Lee** (NA60184667) for neglecting a vulnerable adult under his care. Before petitioning to reinstate his credential, he must show evidence of complete seven hours of coursework.

Minnesota: In September 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended the credential of **Tanya Pudil** (RN00134421) for two years due to suspension of her nursing license by the Minnesota State Board of Nursing for diverting a controlled substance for her personal use.

Ohio: In September 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission summarily suspended the credential of **Melissa F. Holl** (RN60067626) due to action taken by the State of Florida Board of Nursing suspending her Florida nursing credential.

Virginia: In September 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended the credential of registered nurse **Melissa J. Sheldon** (RN00166968) due to an indefinite suspension of her Virginia nursing credential for diversion of narcotics.

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